THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work of doubling of Jaipur-Dausa has been included in the Budget 2005-06. Preliminary arrangements like preparation of plans, estimate, etc. have been taken up. Detailed estimate is under sanction.

(c) Doubling of single line section is taken up when their carrying capacity is saturated. Doubling of Dausa-Bandikui section will be considered once the traffic warrants the same subject to a availability of resources.

Extension Of Shivganga Express upto Balia

†1173. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to extend Shivganga Express (2559/2560) from New Delhi upto Balia keeping in view the crowd of passengers and number of trains;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) At present, Ballia is well connected to Delhi/New Delhi by 6 pairs of trains including 2561/2562 Darbhanga-New Delhi Swatantrata Sainani Express and 2435/2436 Guwahati-New Delhi Rajdhani Express. Extension of 2559/2560 Varanasi-New Delhi Shivganga Express upto Ballia is not feasible, at present, due to operational constraints including severe line capacity constraints on Varanasi-Aunrihar section.

Ban on booking of parcels

1174. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the East Coast Railway has imposed a ban on booking of parcels weighing more than 20 kgs.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no other Zonal Railway has imposed such a ban;

(c) if so, the rationale behind imposing this ban by the East Coast Railway;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.